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For: MEDICAL USES OF A SELECTIVE ESTROGEN RECEPTOR MODULATOR IN COMBINATION WITH SEX STEROID PRECURSORS

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Washington, D.C. 20231

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO
ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENTS**

Sir:

In response to the Election/Restriction Requirement dated December 19, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 3, 4, 40, 41, 43, 44, 46, 47, 49, 50, 52, 52, 55, 56, 58, 59, 61, 62, 64, 65, 67, 68, 70, 71, 73, 74, 76, 77, 79, 80, 82, 83, 85, 86, 88, 89, 91, 92, 94, 95, 97, 98, 100, 101, 103, and 104. *Should this be 53?*

REMARKS

Restriction Requirement

Responsive to the Examiner's Restriction Requirement, Applicant elects the invention of Group I (claims 2, 39, 42, 45, 48, 51, 54, 57, 60, 63, 66, 69, 72, 75, 78, 81, 84, 87, 90, 93, 96, 99, and 102) drawn to a method for treating or reducing the risk of acquiring hypercholesterolemia.

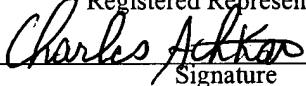
Applicant has canceled non-elected claims 3, 4, 40, 41, 43, 44, 46, 47, 49, 50, 52, 52, 55, 56, 58, 59, 61, 62, 64, 65, 67, 68, 70, 71, 73, 74, 76, 77, 79, 80, 82, 83, 85, 86, 88, 89, 91, 92, 94, 95, 97, 98, 100, 101, 103, and 104. Applicant reserves the right to file divisional applications directed towards the non-elected claims.

Election of Species

In response to the Election of Species Requirement, Applicant elects the molecular structure identified as EM-1538 at claim 72. Claims 2, 99 and 102 within the elected Group I are generic to the elected species.

It is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance. The issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

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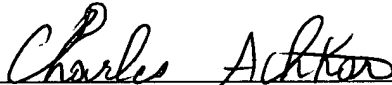
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